

Excellence in Eastern Long Island



EASTERN LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

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Once in a rare while, the Cedar Shake and Shingle Bureau is graced with a wonderful opportunity to profile a very special mansion. This new 11,000 square foot home (including basement) goes beyond the standard kitchen-bedroom-bath layout, and reflects a special achievement, demonstrating uniqueness in design as well as accommodating the owners' busy lifestyles. Excellence in craftsmanship pervades, showcasing attention to detail that only an expert in design and construction could produce.

The project has taken five years to date, including the planning, zoning, building and interior design phases. The 2 acre property had a smaller house and barn when the homeowners purchased it for the building site. Better yet, one of the owners' childhood friends since the age of ten is building a house right next door. **Principal James McDonough** of famed architectural firm **McDonough & Conroy Architects P.C., Bridgehampton, New York**, created the drawings.

Certi-label™ Cedar Abounds

All of the cedar roofing and siding materials for this project were manufactured by **Anbrook Industries Ltd.**, a fourth-generation family business.

Certi-Sawn® 18" x 5/8" Premium Grade Western Red Cedar tapersawn shakes dominate the roof and clad the walls. The sidewall **Certi-Sawn® tapersawn shakes** were finished on-site with Superdeck Semi-Transparent 2100 Weathered Gray Stain. Western Red Cedar makes for a warm, elegant look, one that very much suits this upscale estate. A matching garage with second story space is also finished with the same exterior roofing and sidewall materials. Shakes were installed by **Cedar Design, Inc., Wainscott, New York**, a 60-80 employee company founded in 1994; many employees have been with the company for 15+ years. Nailer and spacer lath design was used for ventilation, between the solid sheathing and the bottom of the shakes as was permeable underlayment. Type 304 stainless steel nails were used for long-lasting fasteners. Because of the special rolled eave design, airflow was managed properly at every break in the roof field. The tapersawn shake manufacturer, as well as the roofing contractor, are proud members of the **Cedar Shake and Shingle Bureau**. Recyclable and renewable Western Red Cedar shakes are a key element of green design in this project.



Unusual rolled eave finishing details were employed all over the roofline of the home.

Specialty Finishing Work

Of particular note with this project are the rolled eaves and specialty custom copper work. The homeowner wanted "...to do something that hadn't been done before." In this area, so close to the celebrity and Wall Street tycoon-owned Hampton mansions, it is indeed a tall order to find a new way to showcase true, creative craftsmanship. These homeowners have achieved it with their design. Steaming the tapersawn shakes, using a proprietary method known to the contractor and his crew, allowed for the rolled eaves. Custom copper work on downspouts, rolled gutters and crown molding surrounding the front's porte cochere allows a feast for the eyes. Downspout leaders all terminate in drywells. French drains are set into the ground and efficiently collect water to a containment/drainage area underneath the middle of the driveway.



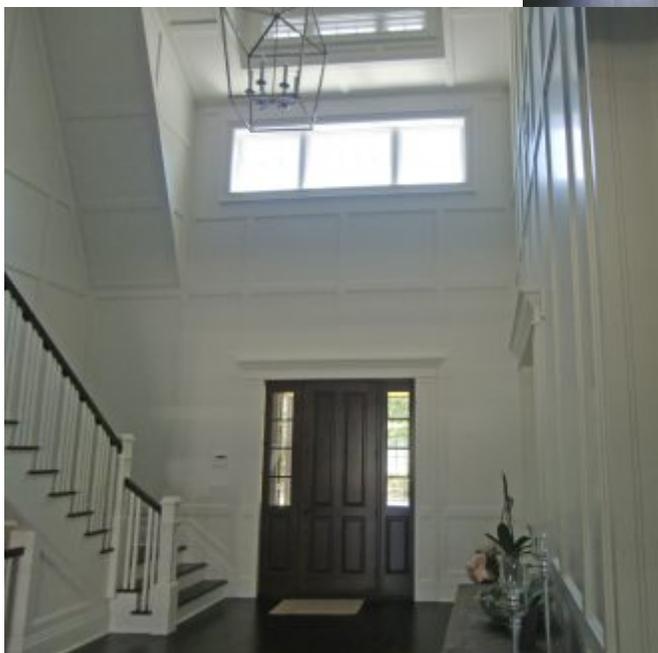
Extensive custom copper work is another example of expert craftsmanship. Rolled tapersawn shakes at roof rake edges are unique to the area.

Interior Design

The homeowners (wife) did the interior design work herself and her efforts resulted in a soothing palette of white, brown and beige tones. The home is functional and allows ample room for entertaining. The husband is particularly proud of his work on the stone fireplace surround in the living room on the ground floor (there are four fireplaces total in this house). Entertaining is a breeze in this home: an elegant dining room that seamlessly works with the rest of the ground floor allows for views of the expansive front lawn.



Dining Room



Foyer

Kitchen

A white kitchen boasts built in cabinetry that displays fine china and family pictures; subtle interior cabinetry lighting makes it easy to display these treasures to guests. Kitchen appliances are top of the line stainless steel: Wolf® gas stove with 8 burners, Sub-Zero® double-door fridge, plus a warming drawer, cappuccino machine and two Asko® dishwashers. The enormous island is grey-veined white marble and is nicely surrounded by ample counter space with gloss white subway tile backsplash.



The kitchen showcases an enviable island workspace.



Upper Floor Spectacular

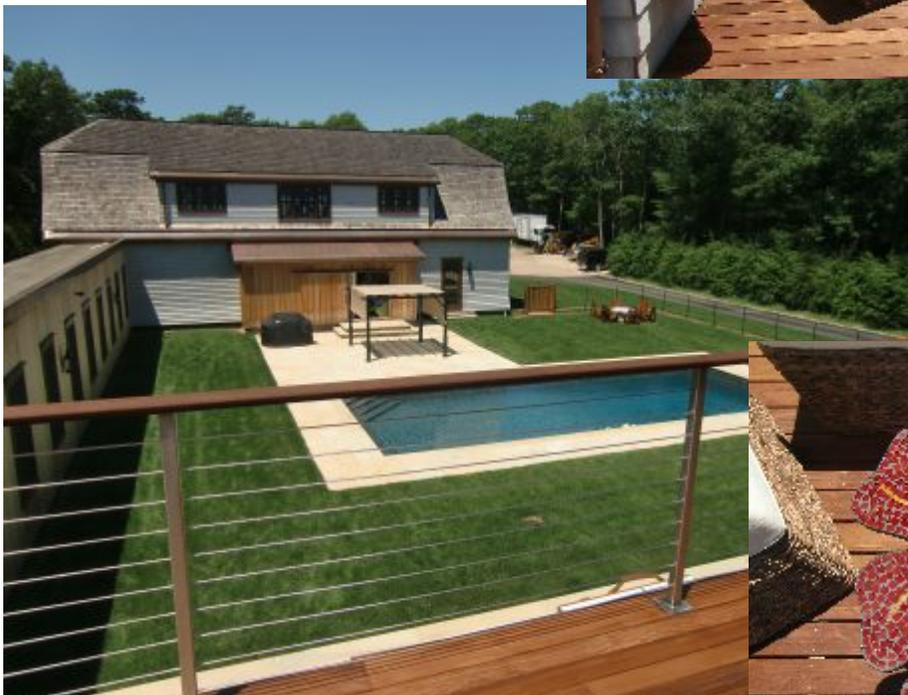
Each of the three sons has their own ample sized bedroom with full en suite. Shower stalls have built in recessed shelves that are so very smart for shampoos and shower gels. The master bedroom has built in his and her closets, with wonderfully large storage shelving for shoes. Rainfall shower head and freestanding tub complete the relaxing spa-like master bathroom. With ceiling heights ranging from 12-14 feet due to the gambrel roofline, residents can stretch out and enjoy glorious space throughout the home. Outside the master bedroom is a mahogany deck with stainless steel cord railing; comfortable outdoor furniture and a sunny flower design table make for a relaxing sitting area.



Note the recessed shelving for shower products.



A sunny sitting area provides respite from a busy day.



Overlooking the outdoor pool.



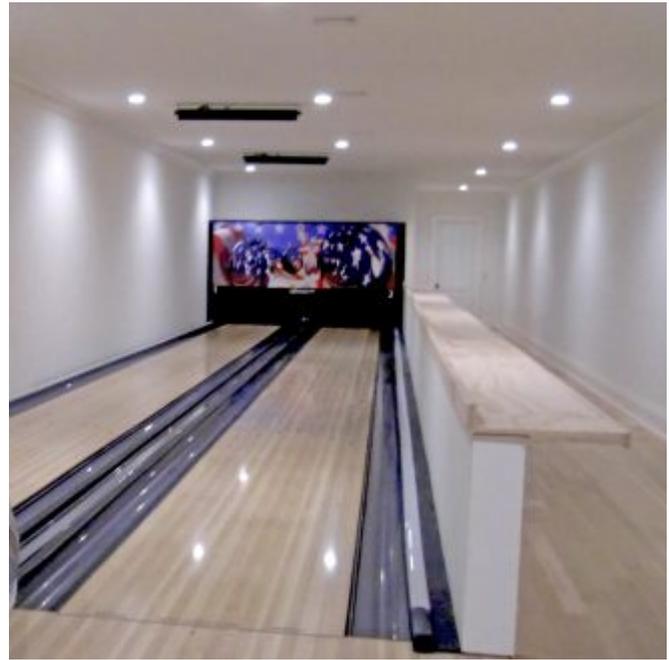
A unique flower-design table adds colorful ambiance.

Advanced Technology

The home is a high-tech wonder; state of the art security, sound and lighting systems are present throughout the house. Rooms have individual thermostats to produce optimal living conditions for each resident. The "Control 4[®]" sound system can be managed via smart phone, and lets a user walking from one room to another have their music play in the new location while not disturbing others. Recessed LED lighting runs throughout the home and is on dimmer switches at appropriate locations. The advanced security system includes cameras, monitors, sensors and alarms, all of which combine to thwart any nefarious activity.

Unique Lifestyles

Business and fitness dominate the specialty rooms of the house. The homeowners run two businesses: the husband owns/operates a contracting firm, and his wife manages a portfolio of rental properties. A yet-to-be-finished space over the garage is earmarked for home office space. All family members are avid fitness fanatics. The home offers his and her gyms plus an outdoor pool. A sensible mudroom located in the back of the home offers practical cubbies for children's coats, shoes and sports gear. The absolute crowning touch is the specialty boxing ring, with a full range of punching bags for various types of hits. To hang the bags from the ceiling, 2x12 Douglas fir lumber was used, sandwiched in place by 2x4s on the sides. To give readers a perspective, the boxing ring is located directly underneath the fourteen car garage at the back of the property. The garage is connected to the main house via a climate controlled, above ground walkway that allows the family to avoid inclement weather.



With a bowling alley, theater room and boxing ring, the home offers a multitude of unique exercise and entertainment options.

Leisure Rooms

Everyone seeks downtime activities, and right now that includes the three boys' enthusiasm for Lego® building. Playrooms both up and down include table space for building their projects, as well as a 5-flat screen wall with every video game/station on the market. Vintage arcade games are also on order, as is a mahogany topped bar. The fun continues with an in



house two-lane bowling alley, movie theatre and area for pool table games. Restroom facilities, men and women's, are located off the main pool/bar area.

Car Collection Protected and Secured

The homeowners collect sports cars and right now have special edition Corvettes and Mustangs on site. A fancy Corvette awaits each son, designated by the model year during which each boy was born. Looking at the sleek, shiny hundreds of horsepower machines, one would certainly understand if the sons were in a hurry to grow up! Further out back, behind the garage, is space intended for a large grass area and koi pond. Landscape design is currently underway by the homeowners.

Conclusion

This special home is a true testament to the value of expert craftsmanship, skills learned over the course of a lifetime in the roofing industry. With careful attention to detail, matched with caring thought towards each

family member's passions, a new residence is created to satisfy every need. At the heart of every home is family, and this residence is clearly focused on the importance of spending time together.



A 14 car garage is the envy of all car enthusiasts.



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